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Claim Amendments

1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

one or more voicemail system components that employ an internet protocol network to store or access one or more voicemail messages on one or more storage devices, wherein the one or more voicemail system components are coupled with the one or more storage devices through the internet protocol network;

wherein the one or more voicemail system components comprise a first voice mailbox and a second voice mailbox;

wherein the first voice mailbox comprises an address of a location on a storage device, of the one or more storage devices;

wherein the second voice mailbox comprises the address;

wherein the address is employable by the one or more voicemail system components to access a voicemail message, of the one or more voicemail messages, on the storage device.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a voicemail system component, of the one or more voicemail system components, employs ~~an~~ the address of ~~a~~ the location on ~~a~~ the storage device, of the one or more storage devices, to store or access ~~the~~ voicemail message, of the one or more voicemail messages, on the storage device.

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3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 in combination with the one or more storage devices, wherein the one or more voicemail system components comprise a voicemail system component, wherein a-the storage device of the one or more storage devices employs an-the address of a-the location on a-the voicemail system component of the one or more voicemail system components to identify one or more of the first voice mailbox and the second voice mailbox on the voicemail system component;

wherein the one or more of the first voice mailbox and the second voice mailbox corresponds to a-the voicemail message, of the one or more voicemail messages, that is located on the storage device.

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4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 in combination with the one or more storage devices, wherein the one or more voicemail system components comprise a plurality of voicemail system components, wherein the one or more storage devices comprise a plurality of file servers;

wherein a first voicemail system component of the plurality of voicemail system components employs the internet protocol network to store and access a first voicemail message, of the one or more voicemail messages, on a file server of the plurality of file servers;

wherein a second voicemail system component of the plurality of voicemail system components employs the internet protocol network to store and access a second voicemail message, of the one or more voicemail messages, on a file server of the plurality of file servers.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more voicemail system components employ the internet protocol network to any one or more of store, modify, retrieve, forward, and delete the one or more voicemail messages on the one or more storage devices.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 in combination with the one or more storage devices, wherein the one or more voicemail messages are located on the one or more storage devices, wherein the one or more voicemail system components comprise one or more pointers to the one or more voicemail messages.

7. (canceled)

B/ 8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7~~1~~, wherein upon modification of the voicemail message to comprise a modified voicemail message, the address serves to allow access to the modified voicemail message from one or more of the first voice mailbox and the second voice mailboxes through employment of the address.

9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein one or more of the one or more voicemail system components comprise one or more first voice mailboxes and the second voice mailbox that comprise one or more linked lists;

wherein the one or more linked lists comprise ~~one or more~~the addresses of ~~one or more~~the locations on the storage device of one or more of the one or more storage devices; and

wherein the one or more of the one or more voicemail system components employ one or more of the one or more linked lists to access ~~one or more~~the voicemail message of the one or more voicemail messages on ~~one or more of~~of the storage device of the one or more storage devices.

10. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the one or more of the one or more linked lists comprise ~~one or more~~an encryption keys that serves to allow access to the ~~one or more~~voicemail message of the one of more voicemail messages.

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11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 in combination with the one or more storage devices, wherein ~~one or more~~ the storage device of the one or more storage devices comprises one or more linked lists that are associated with ~~one or more~~ the voicemail message of the one or more voicemail messages on the ~~one or more~~ storage device of the one or more storage devices;

wherein the one or more linked lists comprise ~~one or more~~ the addresses of ~~one or more~~ the locations on one or more of the one or more voicemail system components;

wherein the ~~one or more~~ locations corresponds to one or more of the first voice mailboxes and the second voice mailbox on the one or more of the one or more voicemail system components; and

wherein the one or more of the first voice mailboxes and the second voice mailbox are associated with one or more intended recipients of the voicemail message ~~one or more~~ of the one or more voicemail messages.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein ~~the~~ a storage device of ~~the one or more~~ of the one or more storage devices serves to delete ~~the~~ a voicemail message of ~~the one or more~~ of the one or more voicemail messages upon deletion of a reference to the voicemail message from each of the ~~one or more~~ first voice mailboxes and the second voice mailbox.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein forwarding of ~~a~~ a ~~the~~ voicemail message of the one or more voicemail messages from ~~the~~ a first voice mailbox to ~~the~~ a second voice mailbox on the one or more voicemail system components comprises copying of ~~an~~ a ~~the~~ address of the voicemail message from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox.

14. (currently amended) A method, comprising the step of:

copying an address of a voicemail message on a second voice mailbox, on a second voicemail system component, from a first voice mailbox, on a first voicemail system component, to move an association with a user from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox, wherein the first and second voicemail system components are coupled with a storage device through an internet protocol network.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, ~~wherein the first and second voicemail system components are coupled with a storage device through an internet protocol network,~~ wherein the step of copying the address of the voicemail message on the second voice mailbox comprises the step of:

changing on the storage device a correspondence of the voicemail message from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox.

16. (currently amended) An article, comprising:

a computer-readable signal-bearing medium; and

means in the medium for copying an address of a voicemail message on a second voice mailbox, on a second voicemail system component, from a first voice mailbox, on a first voicemail system component, to move an association with a user from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox, wherein the first and second voicemail system components are coupled with a storage device through an internet protocol network.

17. (currently amended) The article of claim 16, ~~wherein the first and second voicemail system components are coupled with a storage device through an internet protocol network,~~ wherein the means in the medium for copying the address of the voicemail message on the second voice mailbox comprises:

means in the medium for changing on the storage device a correspondence of the voicemail message from the first voice mailbox to the second voice mailbox.

18. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more voicemail system components comprise a first voicemail system component and a second voicemail system component, wherein the address of the location on the storage device comprises a first address of a first location on a first storage device;

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wherein the first voicemail system component moves the first mailbox from the first address of the first location on the first storage device to a second address of a second location on a second storage device of the second voicemail system component.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein a movement by the first voicemail system component of the first mailbox from the first address of the first location on the first storage device to the second address of the second location on the second storage device of the second voicemail system component serves to promote efficiency and effectiveness of the first voicemail system component and the second voicemail system component.

20. (new) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of:
employing the internet protocol network to any one or more of store, modify, retrieve, forward, and delete the voicemail message on the storage device.

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21. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein the first voice mailbox comprises an encryption key, wherein the step of copying the address of the voicemail message on the second voice mailbox comprises the steps of:

copying the encryption key with the address of the voicemail message on the second voice mailbox; and

allowing access to the voicemail message on the second voice mailbox through employment of the encryption key.

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